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BY DNA VACCINATION

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 in the above-identified application, along with a Request for Continued Examination. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is filed concurrently herewith.

A listing of the cited documents is also enclosed, as well as, for the Examiner's convenience, copies of the documents on the list. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), this Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and, as such, no fee is required.

The U.S. patent documents enclosed herein are submitted for consideration of their relevancy under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) to the patentability of the above-referenced application.

Please consider and make the following publications of record:

US Patents

Rittershaus, U.S. Patent 6,410,022, issued June 25, 2002 on Appln. Ser. No. 08/432,483, filed May 1, 1995;

Thomas, U.S. Patent 6,284,533, issued September 4, 2001 on Appln. Ser. No. 09/171,969, filed October 2, 1998, claiming the benefit of Appln. Ser. No. 08/802,967 filed February 21, 1997 and Ser. No. 60/052,983, filed May 1, 1996

Other Publications

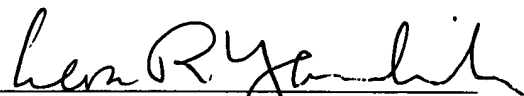
Leff, David N., "Anti-Atherosclerosis Vaccine Aims To Turn Autoimmunity From Pathogenic To Preventive," BioWorld Today, vol. 6, no. 95, page 1 (May 17, 1995).

Applicants do not intend to represent that any of the documents submitted herein is material prior art to this invention or that the list represents an exhaustive search of documents related to this invention.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the enclosed documents or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

Applicants respectfully request that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

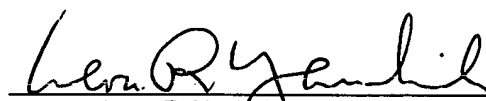


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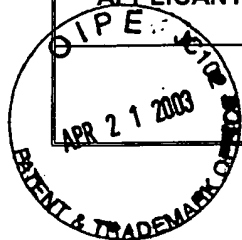
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